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1. IN COURSE OF BRIEFING MARCH 12 ON EC SUMMIT EAMONN GALLAGHER, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMED US THAT NEW IRISH AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO HAD DELIVERED TO ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT ON MARCH 8 EC WORKING DOCUMENT ON EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE. NO PARTICULAR REACTION WAS REPORTED BY AMBASSADOR MCDONALD, BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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GALLAGHER UNDERSTANDS THAT MAHMUD RIYADH IS DISCUSSING THE PAPER

WITH HIS ARAB LEAGUE COLLEAGUES. SUBSTANTIVE REACTION IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER MARCH 29 ARAB LEAGUE MEETING. GALLAGHER ADDED THAT EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE WAS NOT MENTIONED AT EC SUMMIT MEETING HELD IN DUBLIN MARCH 10-11.

2. DRAWING ON REFTEL, WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR IRISH BRIEF-ING AND REMINDED GALLAGHER OF OUR RESERVATIONS OVER PLO PARTICIP-ATION (PARA 2 REFTEL). HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN, ACKNOWLEDGED THE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY OF "POLITICIZATION," BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SINCE EXPERTS' MEETING WOULD BE AT PURELY TECHNICAL LEVEL, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE PROBLEM. WE REITERATED THAT MERE PRESENCE OF PLO INJECTS POLITICAL ELEMENT.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH NOEL DORR, POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WE RAISED THE SAME POINTS REGARDIING PLO PARTICIPATION. DORR TOOK NOTE OF OUR POSITION, WHICH HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THAT CONVEYED TO DR. FITZGERALD BY DR. KISSINGER.

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